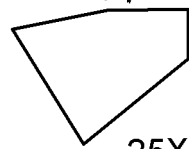


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9 October 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussions with Admiral Showers on Congressional Briefings

1. Pursuant to instructions from the DCI, I talked twice today with Admiral Showers of DIA on the problem which arises when members of Congress have been briefed on reports emanating from highly classified collection projects. [REDACTED]

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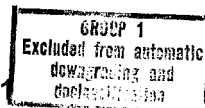
2. Admiral Showers grasped the problem at once and said that he too was worried about this. He is not at all sure that the people who handle Congressional briefings for DIA are being subjected to proper controls at the management level. He is going to concert with General Bennett on this and institute new ground rules. In this particular case he said he had been informed by his people that they did not intend to use the item in question. [REDACTED]

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3. He then said that he thought the DCI should give consideration to scheduling this subject for discussion at an executive session of the

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USIB. He thought it would be useful to approve in that forum rules of procedure which would assure consistency and compatibility between agencies and that might provide for prior coordination as appropriate and feasible. I said I would bring this to the Director's attention.

(Signed)

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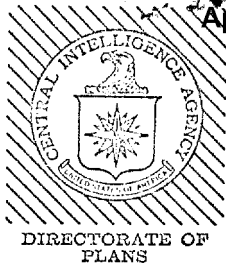
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SUBJECT CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE TUPOLEV VARIABLE
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THE SOVIET VOLUNTEERED THE INFORMATION THAT NEW TRANSPORT AND MILITARY PROTOTYPES WERE ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. HE CLAIMED THAT "WE HAVE HAD MUCH EXPERIENCE WITH VARIABLE GEOMETRY (VG) AIRCRAFT" AND IMPLIED THAT HE HAD SEEN A VARIABLE GEOMETRY AIRCRAFT "SOMEWHAT LARGER THAN THE ONE YOU CALL THE BLINDER." HE BECAME FLUSTERED WHEN PRESSED TO SAY ABOUT HOW MUCH LARGER AND REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT DISCUSS MILITARY MATTERS.

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COMMENT: "BLINDER" IS THE NATO DESIGNATION

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